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**TO:** Child Support Agency Directors

**FROM:** Kristiane Randal  
Division Administrator

**RE:** CALENDAR YEAR 2013 CHILD SUPPORT ALLOCATIONS - PRELIMINARY  
NOTICE

**PURPOSE**

This memo notifies county child support agencies (CSAs) of the preliminary allocation and fiscal information for Calendar Year 2013 (CY2013) to assist CSAs in their budgeting process. It provides an estimate based on state and federal law.

**BACKGROUND**

Wisconsin earns approximately \$13.5 million per year in child support incentives. These federal incentive payments are received based on performance in the second preceding year; for example, incentive payments received in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 would reflect FFY2011 performance. The major share of the incentive funds are provided to county child support agencies under contract with DCF. Federal law requires that all child support incentives must be spent on the child support program.

**CY2013 FUNDING**

The CY2013 federal incentives estimate for child support agencies is \$12.725 million.

Amended Wisconsin statute, 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 (biennial budget bill), allocated \$4.25 million per year in General Purpose Revenue (GPR). The Department, jointly with the counties, has agreed to allocate a portion of future GPR, for a total of \$5.666 million for contract year 2013. Of that amount, \$2.833 million in GPR will be available for January 1 – June 30, 2013 and another \$2.833 million for the period from July 1 – December 31, 2013.

When GPR is matched with Federal Financial Participation (FFP) and combined with the estimated incentive funds of \$12.725 million, the total estimated funding amount for counties in CY2013 is **\$29.391 million**. Preliminary allocations are based on these budget estimates. See attached [Child Support Preliminary Allocation](#) spreadsheet for the estimated amounts.

- *On January 1, 2013* the federal performance incentives, medical support performance funds and *one-half* of the GPR will be loaded into CORE.
- *Later in 2013, after July 1, 2013*, the remaining *one-half* of the GPR will be loaded into CORE.

### **MEDICAL SUPPORT PERFORMANCE GPR**

Under Wisconsin statute, another \$300,000 in GPR may be awarded for identifying children who are receiving medical assistance benefits and have health insurance coverage or access to health insurance coverage. Allocations and performance requirements related to the CY2013 Medical Support Performance funds will be issued under a separate Administrator's Memo.

### **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES**

The final allocations for CY2013 will be increased or decreased based on the actual child support incentive award for FFY2011. BCS will allocate funds to CSAs based on case counts as of September 30, 2012 and performance measures as outlined in Administrator's Memo DFES 11-10.

In addition, BCS and the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Contract Committee have agreed to further reduce the September 30, 2012 case counts by the number of cases on the case Consolidation report (CONS) and the Locate Status reports (CUL1 and CUL3).

Under current federal law, the ability to match incentive funds ended on September 30, 2010. In the event that Congress would reinstate federal matching of incentives, the state General Purpose Revenue (GPR) would end. If federal matching on incentives were reinstated, the estimated FFY2011 child support incentives in the amount of \$12.725 million plus \$24.7 million in federal matching funds (66%) would generate a total of \$37.425 million for child support program operations.

### **CONTACTS:**

Questions regarding Child Support Allocations can be directed to your CS Regional Coordinator.